

REMARKS

Claims 27-30, 32, 41, 48-61 are Allowable

The Office has allowed claim 41, at paragraph 29 of the Office Action. The Office has indicated that claim 47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and intervening claims from which claim 47 depends. Applicants thank the Examiner for these allowances.

Applicants have added new claims 48-52, which depend from allowable claim 41. Hence, claims 48-52 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable claim 41.

Applicants have added new claims 53-61. Claims 53-61 depend from claim 41, and are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable claim 41.

Applicants have amended independent claim 27, including all of the elements of allowable claim 47. Therefore independent claim 27 is allowable. Applicants have also canceled claim 47 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 28-30 and 32 depend from claim 27, and are therefore allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable claim 27.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

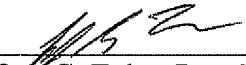
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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